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LITTLEHAMPTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,

LITTLEHAMPTON.

September, 1972.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my 1972 report. This is the twenty-third I have produced for the Council and, due to reorganisation, it will probably be my last. I have always had a happy association with the Council and I regret that it has to end so soon.

Since my first year the population has increased from 13,990 to 19,480, births from 210 to 269, deaths from 177 to 315, illegitimate births from 10 to 31, number of inhabited houses from 3,773 to 6,861. Notifications of measles in 1951 were 459 and whooping cough 175, whereas in 1972 there were no cases of whooping cough and only one of measles. These are just some figures showing progress of one kind or another. Certainly housing has improved in quantity and quality and this must benefit the health of the Community. There is still room for improvement as not everybody is living in accommodation with all the modern amenities I should like to see provided.

The disposal of an ever increasing volume of Sewage has led to difficulties in discharging it at the correct state of tide. In 1958 I was urging an inland sewage disposal works, but the Ministry of Housing and Local Government suggested the Council should consider a longer sea outfall as a possibility and in 1959 the Medical Research Council in Memorandum No.37 stated that the risk to health of bathing in sewage-contaminated sea water can for all practical purposes be ignored. Certainly I cannot show any association from sea bathing and any community ill health in Littlehampton. When the new works are constructed and operational via the new outfall there should be no aesthetic nuisance near the shore, but yachtsmen and others who enjoy boating might notice the slick out at sea.

In order to produce this and past reports I am dependent for much information from other people such as the County Medical Officer, the W.R.V.S. and Officers of the Council but, in particular, the Chief Public Health Inspector. Littlehampton has had some very capable inspectors over the years but none more able than Mr. Tanner, who will probably be the last chief inspector for the U.D.C. Finally, I should like to thank my secretaries, who have had the task over the years of typing out and preparing the reports.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

FRANK COCKCROFT

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

SECTION A:

GENERAL STATISTICS

AREA 2,915 Acres

ESTIMATED RESIDENT
POPULATION - 19,480

SUM REPRESENTED BY
A PENNY RATE £10,500

Population - Census 1971 18,621
Number of inhabited houses (April 1972) 6,861
Rateable Value, Total £1,029,265
Domestic £681,880

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

Year	Total	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
1971	261	122	104	19	16
1972	269	145	93	16	15

Year	Rate per 1,000 population				
	Littlehampton U.D.		West Sussex		England & Wales
	Crude		Standardised Rate		
			Urban	Rural	
1971	13.9	15.7	14.5	16.9	16.0
1972	13.8	15.9	13.7	14.2	14.8

DEATHS:

Year	Total	Male	Female
1971	289	127	162
1972	315	160	155

Year	Rate per 1,000 population				
	Littlehampton U.D.		West Sussex		England & Wales
	Crude		Standardised Rate		
			Urban	Rural	
1971	15.4	10.9	9.9	8.6	11.6
1972	16.2	10.1	10.2	9.9	12.1

STILLBIRTHS:

Year	Total	Legitimate		Illegitimate	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
1971	3	2	1	-	-
1972	7	4	3	-	-

Year	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	
	Littlehampton U.D.	England & Wales
1971	11	12
1972	25	12

INFANT MORTALITY:

	1971	1972
<u>Littlehampton</u>		
Infant deaths under 1 year	2	3
Infant death rate per 1,000 live births	8	11
Legitimate infant death rate per 1,000 legitimate live births	9	8
Illegitimate infant death rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil	32
<u>W.S.C.C.</u>		
Urban infant death rate per 1,000 live births	16	17
Rural " " " " " "	14	8
<u>England and Wales</u>		
Infant death rate per 1,000 live births	18	17

	Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 4 weeks)		Early Neo-natal Mortality (Deaths under 1 week)		Perinatal Mortality (Stillbirths & Deaths under 1 week combined)	
	1971	1972	1971	1972	1971	1972
Total Deaths	2	1	2	-	5	7
Rate per 1,000 total live births	8	4	8	-		
Mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths					19	25

DEATHS FROM CANCER:

Year	Total	Rate per 1,000 population			
		Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales
			Urban	Rural	
1971	61	3.2	3.1	2.7	2.395
1972	61	3.1	3.3	3.1	2.43

DEATHS FROM PULMONARY TUBERCULOSIS:

Year	Total	Rate per 1,000 population			
		Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales
			Urban	Rural	
1971	nil	nil	0.02	0.02	0.025
1972	1	0.05	0.01	0.04	0.02

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion):

Year	Total	Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths			
		Littlehampton U.D.	West Sussex		England & Wales
			Urban	Rural	
1971	1	0.6	0.3	0.4	0.17
1972	Nil	Nil	0.6	-	0.15

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS - 1901 to 1972:

Population	1901	1938	1946	1971	1972
Population	7,363	10,178	12,230	18,730	19,480
Birth Rate	20.9	14.8	20.8	13.9	13.8
Death Rate	13.7	11.9	14.7	15.4	16.2
Infantile Mortality Rate	143	48	47	8	11
Average no. persons per house	4.9	2.8	3.5	2.9	2.8
No. Inhabited houses	1,504	3,581	3,479	6,509	6,861

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH							
	Sex	Total	Under 45	45-64	65-74	75 & over	
Enteritis and other diarrhoeal diseases	M	1	1	-	-	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	1	
Tuberculosis of respiratory system	M	1	-	-	-	1	
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	M	8	-	2	2	4	
	F	1	-	-	-	1	
" " intestine	M	5	-	1	2	2	
	F	3	-	1	1	1	
" " bronchus	M	19	-	8	7	4	
	F	1	-	-	-	1	
" " breast	F	10	-	4	5	1	
" " uterus	F	1	-	1	-	-	
" " prostate	M	6	-	-	2	4	
Leukaemia	F	1	-	1	-	-	
Other malignant neoplasms	M	3	-	1	1	1	
	F	4	1	1	1	1	
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	M	1	-	-	-	1	
Diabetes mellitus	M	2	-	-	1	1	
	F	2	1	-	-	1	
Other endocrine etc. diseases	M	1	-	1	-	-	
Mental disorders	F	1	-	-	-	1	
Multiple sclerosis	F	1	-	-	1	-	
Other diseases of nervous system	M	2	-	1	-	1	
	F	2	-	-	1	1	
Hypertensive disease	M	2	-	1	-	1	
	F	2	-	1	1	-	
Ischaemic heart disease	M	41	-	12	13	16	
	F	47	-	3	9	35	
Other forms of heart disease	M	7	-	1	-	6	
	F	11	-	-	1	10	
Cerebrovascular disease	M	24	1	5	8	10	
	F	30	-	1	7	22	
Other diseases of circulatory system	M	4	-	-	1	3	
	F	11	-	2	3	6	
Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	1	
Pneumonia	M	7	-	-	3	4	
	F	7	-	-	-	7	
Bronchitis and emphysema	M	12	-	3	5	4	
	F	4	-	1	1	2	
Other diseases of respiratory system	M	1	-	-	1	-	
	F	1	-	-	-	1	
Peptic ulcer	M	1	-	-	-	1	
	F	1	-	-	-	1	
Other diseases of digestive system	M	2	1	-	1	-	
	F	2	-	-	-	2	
Nephritis and Nephrosis	M	3	-	-	2	1	
	F	3	-	1	-	2	
Other diseases, Genito-Urinary System	M	1	-	-	-	1	
Congenital Anomalies	M	1	1	-	-	-	
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	M	1	1	-	-	-	
	F	6	1	-	-	5	
Motor vehicle accidents	M	2	2	-	-	-	
All other accidents	M	1	-	-	1	-	
	F	1	-	1	-	-	
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	F	1	-	1	-	-	
TOTALS:							
		Males 160 Females 155 =	315	10	55	81	169

SECTION: B

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Disease	Under 1 yr.	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	Over 25	Total
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Measles	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
						TOTAL	5

There were no cases notified in 1972 of the following diseases:-

- Acute encephalitis
- Acute meningitis
- Acute poliomyelitis
- Anthrax
- Cholera
- Diphtheria
- Dysentery
- Food Poisoning
- Leprosy
- Leptospirosis
- Malaria
- Ophthalmia Neonatorum
- Paratyphoid Fever
- Plague
- Relapsing Fever
- Smallpox
- Tetanus
- Typhoid Fever
- Typhus
- Whooping cough
- Yellow Fever

Notifications 1963-1972 of diseases notifiable at the present time.

Disease	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
Scarlet Fever	1	7	6	15	5	5	7	1	8	2
Whooping Cough	5	32	11	-	3	6	1	-	6	-
Measles	908	37	412	250	55	30	138	11	7	1
Dysentery	8	1	-	-	1	-	-	6	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice	-	-	-	-	-	6	18	-	6	1
Tuberculosis Non Pul.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pulm.	1	-	3	-	2	-	-	2	2	1
TOTALS	923	78	433	265	66	48	164	20	29	5

INFLUENZA

The Council offered vaccination against influenza to its Councillors and staff: sixty-seven took advantage of the Council's offer.

IMMUNISATION

The following immunisations were carried out, on children under 16 years of age, during the year:-

Diphtheria and Tetanus:

Primary Injections	5
Reinforcing Injections	225

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough:

Primary Injections	266
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Tetanus:

Primary Injections	1
Reinforcing Injections	147

Measles:

Primary Vaccination	237
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Poliomyelitis Vaccination:

Initial 3 doses of oral vaccine	274
Reinforcing procedures	397

Rubella:

Primary Vaccination	207
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In July, 1971, the Secretary of State accepted the advice of the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation that smallpox vaccination need no longer be given to children as a routine, because the risk of serious complications from vaccination now outweighed the risk of the British public being exposed to smallpox. Smallpox vaccination was therefore deleted from the immunisation schedule and no statistics for smallpox vaccinations and re-vaccinations are included for 1972.

B.C.G.:-

County School:-

Littlehampton School	No. vaccinated	299
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Private Schools:-

Convent of the Holy Family	No. vaccinated	82
Rosemead	No. vaccinated	23

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Cases on Register at 1.1.72	17	7	1	2	27
Primary notifications during 1972	1	-	-	-	1
Cases on Register at 31.12.72	18	7	1	2	28

There was one primary notification and there were no removals from the Register in 1972.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(a) Ambulance Service:

The County Council operates the Ambulance Service (including the ambulance car service) in the County. Requests are made through the doctor or hospital attending the patient, or through the Police or public in case of accidents or other emergencies.

(b) Child Health Clinic:

Child Health Clinic is held at Littlehampton Health Centre weekly on Thursdays 2 - 4 p.m. - a doctor being in attendance on the second and fourth Thursday each month.

The following figures have been provided by the County Medical Officer showing the attendance at the Child Health Clinic.

<u>No. of children attending</u>	<u>Total attendances</u>
377	3,187

(c) Chiropody

This is provided for those of pensionable age.

(d) Family Planning:

A Family Planning service is provided by the County Council at Littlehampton and Shoreham Health Centres and at the Health Clinics at Bognor Regis, Lancing and Worthing.

(e) Health Clinic for the Retired:

This is a Screening Clinic held weekly on Friday mornings at the Fitzalan Road Health Centre.

(f) Health Education

The County Council is responsible for this service, a great amount of which is done by the Health Visitors both in the homes and at the Clinics.

(g) Home Help Service:

The County Council is responsible for this service.

(h) Mental Health

The County Council is, through their Social Services Department responsible for a domiciliary mental welfare service, but institutional and out-patient treatment is provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

(i) Nursing:

The Home Nurses, Midwives and Health Visitors employed in the area are now attached to General Practitioners.

The telephone numbers of Midwives and Home Nurses are listed in the telephone directory under 'Nurses - West Sussex County Council'.

(j) School Clinics:

Minor Ailments	}	Littlehampton Health Centre
Eye		
Speech Therapy		
Dental		

Expectant and nursing mothers may also receive free treatment at the Dental Clinics. Dental anaesthetics were given by a Consultant Anaesthetist from the Regional Hospital Board on a sessional basis.

HOSPITAL AND SPECIALIST SERVICES:

A comprehensive hospital and specialist service is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. Hospital accommodation of a private nature is available in certain circumstances, subject to appropriate charges.

Chest Clinics:

Chest Clinics are held at Worthing Hospital and at the Bognor Regis Chest Hospital, both of which are available to the residents of Littlehampton.

General Medical and Dental Service:

Local arrangements for these services are organised through the National Health Service Executive Council for West Sussex at 175 Broyle Road, Chichester.

Homes for Old People:

There are 15 homes registered with the Social Services Department accommodating 220 people at charges ranging between £7.25 - £30 and there are three blind homes with accommodation for 56.

Laboratory Facilities:

The following Laboratories are available for the examination of specimens:-

The Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.
The Worthing Hospital Laboratory.
The Public Analyst's Laboratory, Lewes.

Mass Radiography:

The Surrey Unit from Worcester Park visited Littlehampton weekly for cases referred by general practitioners, the local authority or the general public wishing to be X-rayed. The number X-rayed during 1971 was 1,526.

Meals-on-Wheels

Meals are provided and delivered to old people in their homes by the W.R.V.S. on Tuesdays and Thursdays:-

Approximately 167 per week in the Littlehampton area.
(Including 26 per week to Old People's Club)

Approximately 277 per week to the Rural District area up to the 17th October, when the Rustington Meals on Wheels Kitchen took over.

During 1972 20,353 meals were prepared at Littlehampton at a cost of 10p. each to the consumer.

Mortuary:

The Littlehampton Urban District Council provides a mortuary, which serves the Littlehampton area. The number of admissions during the year was 116.

Nursing Homes

There are three private nursing homes in the District.

Persons in need of care and attention:

National Assistance Act, 1948 (Amended 1951), Section 47

No action was necessary during the year under this Section.

Venereal Disease:

Residents may attend Clinics at:-

Worthing Hospital
St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester
The Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton
St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

SECTION D:

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water:

Worthing Corporation Water Department supply Littlehampton with water from the Downs at Burpham via Borehole No.2. The water is pumped from Burpham to Batworth Park Reservoirs and from there is distributed to Littlehampton.

The Chemist and Bacteriologist of the Brighton Water Department carries out all the examinations on the water. He has reported that:-

1. The water has been satisfactory in quantity and quality. Continuous chlorination is carried out at Burpham.
2. Results of bacteriological sampling were:-

	No. of Samples	No. showing Coliform organism in 100 ml.	No. showing E. Cols. present in 100 ml.	No. showing absence of Coliform organism in 100 ml.
Raw Water	251	213	188	38
Treated Water (taken at Burpham)	248	1	1	247
Treated Water (taken at Littlehampton)	248	2	nil	246

3. The water is hard, being all obtained from the chalk. The chemical analysis shows a total average hardness of 237 mgm. per litre.
4. No evidence of any plumbo-solvent action has been found.
5. The natural fluoride content of the water is less than 0.1 milligrams per litre.

The Public Health Department also took nine samples of water during the year from drinking water supplies and two from amusement park ponds and the results of analyses showed these were of acceptable standard.

Drainage and Sewerage

During the year 480 metres of surface water sewers were adopted together with 639 metres of foul sewers.

Public Conveniences

The Council maintains public conveniences for males and females at the following places:-

Church Street	High Street Car Park
The Promenade	Horsham Road Cemetery
Maltravers Recreation Ground	Southfields Road
Norfolk Road	Worthing Road Recreation Ground
Mewsbrook Park	West Beach.
North Street	

In addition there is a female convenience in Beach Road.

Refuse Disposal:

During the year the Local Authority compulsorily purchased an area of land for tip extension and eventually obtained planning permission for this use. However, in the meanwhile, Council decided to discontinue tipping at Littlehampton and entered into an agreement with Worthing R.D.C. to use facilities at their tip at Sompting.

Considerable improvements were carried out to the old tip during this run-down period including landscaping the area north of the new bridge.

Work was started on the Littlehampton Marina to the South of the new bridge.

The public continues to make use of the Civic Amenity Pound provided by the Council on land adjacent to the controlled tip.

Similarly, the Used Car Pound in Harwood Road facilitates prompt removal of vehicles abandoned throughout the district.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963

201 routine inspections have been carried out on premises where the Local Authority is responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of the Act. Informal notices were served regarding 49 contraventions. No special problems have arisen and no statutory action was necessary, all defects being remedied informally.

Two minor accidents were reported to the Department and informal advice was given.

Premises where persons employed:

Offices	54
Retail shops	115
Wholesale shops and warehouses	9
Catering establishments	39
Canteens	3
Fuel storage depots	1
Railway premises	1
Hairdressers	11
Factories with power	72
Factories without power	4
Outworkers	28

Clean Air Acts 1956 and 1968

Three notifications were received for prior approval and all were granted without modification.

Four chimney heights were approved without need for alteration.

Camping and Caravan Sites:

Eight sites comprising 144 caravans are licensed in accordance with the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960. All the caravans are for permanent residential use and by the end of the year each had been provided with sanitary accommodation within the caravan.

During the year the Caravan Club established a touring site in Worthing Road for club members. This Club is an exempted organisation for the purpose of the above Act and no licence is required for the $7\frac{1}{2}$ acre site, on which a maximum of 80 caravans are to be accommodated.

One camping site in the district is licensed under the Public Health Act 1936 for 310 tents.

Noise Abatement Act 1960

During the year 48 visits were made following noise complaints ranging from neighbourhood noise, such as loud hi-fi equipment, to more serious complaints arising from round-the-clock working on industrial estates.

It is my opinion that there is a case for the establishment of noise-free zones, rather like smoke control areas, in which noise levels would be restricted.

The difficulty with noise is that people's tolerance varies enormously. At sound levels well below that which could cause physical harm, much mental distress can be caused by a constant noise background, particularly if of varying or intermittent character. It would surely be to the benefit of inhabitants of residential districts if nearby non-essential noise sources were controlled in some way.

Schools and Day Nurseries:

There are six County Primary, one County Secondary and three Independent Schools as well as nine registered Day Nurseries (including Play Groups) in the District.

Disinfection and Disinfestation

Number of premises disinfected	14
Number of domestic premises where disinfestation carried out	18
Number of other premises where disinfestation carried out	4
Number of treatments to destroy wasps' nests	67

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949

253 inspections were carried out during the year including 4 in respect of agricultural premises.

148 properties (including 4 agricultural premises) were found to be infested with rats and 98 with mice.

In all cases treatment continued until total eradication had been achieved.

A total of 989 visits were made during the year and 721 lbs. of poison bait were used.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

During the year inspections have been as follows:-

Public Health Acts:

Houses: initial inspections	...	...	...	...	46
Houses: revisits	...	...	...	...	56
Animals, keeping of	...	...	...	...	8
Drainage inspections and tests	...	...	...	...	104
Dirty or verminous premises	...	...	...	...	14
Ditches, streams and river	...	...	...	...	10
Infectious disease	...	...	...	...	7
Moveable dwellings (other than caravans)	...	...	...	...	17
Offensive accumulations	...	...	...	...	57
Port Health - ship inspections	...	...	...	...	76
Refuse collection and disposal	...	...	...	...	37
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	186
Interviews	...	...	...	...	341

Housing Acts:

Houses: initial inspections	...	...	...	...	21
Houses: revisits	...	...	...	...	33
Houses in multiple occupation	...	...	...	...	46
Improvement	...	...	...	...	208
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	7

Food and Drugs Act 1955:

Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bakers	...	...	...	...	...	16
Butchers shops	...	...	...	...	...	26
Dairies and milk shops	...	...	...	...	...	4
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	12
Fried fish shops	...	...	...	...	...	8
Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	25
Greengrocers and fruiterers	...	...	...	...	...	28
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	70
Licensed premises	...	...	...	...	...	14
Restaurants and cafes	...	...	...	...	...	106
Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	12
Hotels (other than licensed)	...	...	...	...	...	13
Boarding and guest houses	...	...	...	...	...	33
Old Peoples Homes	...	...	...	...	...	23
Food stalls	...	...	...	...	...	3
Delivery vehicles	...	...	...	...	...	5
Other food premises	...	...	...	...	...	36
Ice cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	18

Factories Act 1961:

Factories with power	40
Factories without power	...	...	...	...	...	5
Outworkers premises	...	...	...	...	...	12

Visits under other Acts:

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963	...	...	...	...	...	201
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949	...	...	...	...	...	74
Clean Air Acts 1956 and 1968	...	...	...	...	...	22
Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960	...	...	...	...	...	26
Noise Abatement Act 1960	...	...	...	...	...	48
Pet Animals Act 1951	...	...	...	...	...	3
Agriculture (Safety, Health and Welfare Provisions) Act 1956	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rent Act	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bye Laws	...	...	...	...	...	1

Sampling:

Ice cream	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Other	...	...	...	...	...	...	30

Notices served:

						Served	Completed
Public Health Acts - informal	...	...	...	...	...	77	64
" " " - formal	...	...	...	...	...	3	2
Housing Acts - informal	...	...	...	...	...	21	7
" " - statutory	...	...	...	...	...	nil	nil
Food and Drugs Act 1955	...	...	...	...	...	106	49
Agriculture (Safety, Health & Welfare Provisions Act 1956)	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Factories Act 1961	...	...	...	...	...	9	8
Clean Air Act 1956	...	...	...	...	...	14	21
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act 1963	...	...	...	...	...	49	3
Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act 1960	...	...	...	...	...	6	9
Noise Abatement Act 1960	...	...	...	...	...	14	10
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949 - informal	...	...	...	...	...	12	
Pet Animals Act	...	...	...	...	...	1	

Complaints:

Housing	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Unsound food	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Rodents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	152
Accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Wasps	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Public Health	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Noise	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
Insects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58
Clean Air	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Food Hygiene	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Caravans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

IMPROVEMENTS AND DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR

The following improvements have resulted from action taken by the Public Health Department:-

Houses:

Housing repairs completed	...	...	...	...	...	37
Drains repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	39
Drains tested	...	...	...	...	...	8
W.C.s. repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	...	9
New dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	4
Offensive accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	14
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	...	22

Food Premises:

Premises cleansed or redecorated	...	...	...	...	21
Hot water supply provided	...	...	...	...	7
Washing facilities provided or improved	...	...	...	...	7
Tables, counters etc. covered	...	...	...	...	5
Equipment, utensils etc. cleansed	...	...	...	...	9
Screens for food provided	...	...	...	...	2
Refuse disposal improved	...	...	...	...	10
Sanitary accommodation provided or improved	...	...	...	...	5
First Aid materials provided	...	...	...	...	9
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	25

Factories:

Cleanliness improved	...	...	...	...	1
Sanitary accommodation cleansed/repaired	...	...	...	...	5
Lighting improved	...	...	...	...	1
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	2

Offices and Shops:

Washing facilities provided	...	...	...	...	4
Hot water supply provided	...	...	...	...	8
First Aid equipment provided	...	...	...	...	6
Abstract of Act provided	...	...	...	...	13
Ventilation improved	...	...	...	...	5
Cleanliness improved	...	...	...	...	4
Heating provided or improved	...	...	...	...	2
Other improvements	...	...	...	...	14

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities . . .	7	12	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authorities	82	45	2	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	6	5	-	-
TOTAL	95	62	2	-

Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	To H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	4	4	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	1	1	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	7	9	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	2	1	-	2	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	12	10	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences	11	12	1	-	-
TOTAL	37	37	1	3	-

Outworkers:

Twenty-two outworkers are employed in the area.

SECTION E:

HOUSING

Improvement Grants

During 1972 there was an increase in the number of applications for grant, the majority being for improvement grants.

The average value of each improvement grant approved was £792 as opposed to £287 in 1971. This increase reflects not only the rapidly increasing building costs but also the fact that more grants were awarded for the conversion of property at greater expense than that of renovation.

The average value of standard grants approved was £151 as compared with £145 in 1971.

Again it was regrettable that no special grant applications had been made as there is considerable room for improvement in amenity standards at the numerous houses in multiple occupation throughout the District.

Little progress was made towards the declaration of a general improvement area and it seems inevitable that this matter must now wait until after Local Government Reorganisation before reaching fruition.

Rent Decontrol

During the year ten Qualification Certificates and four Certificates of Provisional Approval were approved.

IMPROVEMENT, STANDARD AND SPECIAL GRANTS - 1972

Applications received in 1972				9
I M P R O V E M E N T G R A N T S	FOR CONVERSION	APPLICATIONS	1. Dwellings (a) owner occupied	4
			(b) Other	7
			(c) Owned by housing assoc. (included in (b) above)	-
		APPROVED	2. Relaxed standards (inc. in 1.)	
			(a) less than 12 point standard	-
			(b) " " 15 year life	-
			3. Estimated total cost	
			(a) Conversion (inc.fees)	£22,734
			(b) Grant-aided repairs	1,866
			(c) Other works	9,272
	GRANTS PAID	4. Approved expense	£24,601	
		5. Amount of grant approved	£12,298	
		(a) No. of dwellings	8	
		(b) Amount of grant paid	£2,342	
		Applications received in 1972			20
FOR IMPROVE- MENTS	APPLICATIONS	1. Dwellings (a) owner occupied	10	
		(b) Other	5	
		(c) Owned by housing assoc. (included in (b) above)	-	
	APPROVED	2. Relaxed standards (inc. in 1.)		
		(a) less than 12 point standard	1	
		(b) " " 15 year life	2	
		3. Estimated total cost	-	
		(a) Improvements (inc.fees)	£10,738.50	
		(b) Grant-aided repairs	2,502	
		(c) Other works	637.40	
	GRANTS PAID	4. Approved expense of works	£11,279	
		5. Amount of Grant approved	£5,309	
		(a) Dwellings	18	
		(b) Amount of grant paid	£4,984.75	

S T A N D A R D G R A N T S	APPLI- CATIONS APPROVED	Applications received in 1972			29		
		1. Owner occupied dwellings to be improved to . . .	(a) Full Standard (Normal limit)	6			
			(b) Full Standard (Higher limit)	3			
			(c) Less than Full Standard	-			
		2. Other dwellings to be improved to	(a) Full Standard (Normal limit)	2			
			(b) Full Standard (Higher limit)	2			
			(c) Less than Full Standard	3			
	3. Dwellings owned by Housing Associations				-		
		4. Dwellings with less than 15 year life (included in 1. or 2)				1	
			5. Total amount of grant approved			£3,489.50	
	GRANTS PAID	ALL STANDARD GRANTS	1.	Number of dwellings		22	
				Amount Paid		£3,489.50	
			Number of amenities provided	Fixed bath or shower	10		
				Wash basin	11		
				Sinks	1		
				H & C at these points	7		
				Water at one or two points	10		
				Water closets	14		
			2.	Number of dwellings		5	
				HIGHER LIMIT GRANTS	Addition- al grant- aided work	Number of bathrooms added	4
						Number of piped water supplies	-
						Number of drainage systems	-
			3. Less than full standard (included in 1. above)				3

One application for a special grant was received in 1972.

SUMMARY OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES AS AT
31st DECEMBER, 1972

	<u>Pre-war</u>	<u>Post-war</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bed-sitting room flat	-	56	56
One bedroom flats	-	99	99
Two bedroom flats	-	220	220
Three bedroom flats	-	149	149
Bed-sitting room bungalows	-	3	3
One bedroom bungalows . . .	6	7	13
Two bedroom bungalows . . .	15	25	40
Two bedroom houses	2	90	92
Three bedroom houses	207	374	581
Four bedroom houses	5	14	19
Five bedroom houses	3	-	3
Other properties	82	-	82
	<u>320</u>	<u>1,037</u>	<u>1,357</u>

In addition to this summary, 76 properties are managed on behalf of the Greater London Council.

Waiting List for Housing Accommodation

Total number of applicants on housing waiting list	446
Total number of applications received during 1972	206
Total number of families rehoused from the list during 1972	81

During 1972 six three-bedroomed houses and 40 one bedroom flats were completed. Under construction, and which should be largely completed during 1973 are 42 three bedroomed houses.

The policy of encouraging tenants to transfer to accommodation better suited to their needs has been continued with success.

Private Houses

The total number of private dwellings completed since 1948 = 2,649.

SECTION F:

FOOD HYGIENE

Inspection of Premises

454 visits were made during the year to food premises in the District.

The routine inspections of food premises show a considerable variation in the attention paid to food hygiene. Many traders work to standards higher than the minimum legally enforceable by the Food Hygiene Regulations, but in some cases much persuasion is necessary to obtain satisfactory standards.

Regular inspections, coupled with advice and persuasion, followed by informal notices are the methods relied on to secure compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations and 106 informal notices were sent during the year.

Food and Drugs Act 1955 - Unsound Food

- 30 complaints were received concerning unsound food.
- 19 complaints concerned mouldy food.
- There were no prosecutions.

Milk and Dairies

There are three registered dairies in the District. One of these is a pasteurising and bottling plant and as such is licensed by the Food and Drugs Authority, which is the West Sussex County Council. Frequent samples of milk and the empty bottles prior to filling are taken by the County Public Health Inspectors.

The number of distributors registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations is 21.

12 samples of milk were taken from retailers and all were satisfactory.

Ice Cream Premises

There are 68 premises registered for the sale and storage of ice cream and eight for the sale, storage and manufacture of ice cream.

During the year 16 samples of ice cream were taken and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Brighton: 4 samples were classified as Grade I, 10 as Grade II, one as Grade III and one as Grade IV. Follow-up samples from the two unsatisfactory samplings were both Grade I.

Inspection of Food

The following articles were inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption:-

Carcase meat		103 lbs.
Offal		14 "
Canned meats		77 "
Other canned foods	12 cwt.	81 "
Fish - fresh	1 "	63 "
Fruit and vegetables - fresh	3 "	10 "
Frozen food	2 "	57 "
Other food		55 "

SECTION C:

METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1972

SUNSHINE AND RAINFALL STATISTICS

Sunshine			Rainfall	
Month	1972 hours	Average hours for 58 years	1972 mm	Average for 58 years mm.
January	46.5	64.6	70.1	76.5
February	47.1	82.4	56.3	52.0
March	117.9	139.2	42.3	47.0
April	167.1	175.2	68.2	48.0
May	192.0	227.0	54.1	47.2
June	212.2	238.0	36.8	42.0
July	190.5	221.7	27.0	51.6
August	222.9	208.7	13.4	58.9
September	149.2	165.7	29.9	58.9
October	132.6	126.4	18.4	73.7
November	84.6	73.5	81.6	87.0
December	61.7	57.6	100.6	77.0
TOTAL	1,684.0	1,780.0	598.7	527.2
AVERAGE	143.3	148.3	49.9	43.9

The Meteorological Office publishes annually an official ranking list of sunshine recorded at 400 stations in the United Kingdom. In the 1972 list Littlehampton was placed 19th overall. If one considers solely the mainland meteorological stations, Littlehampton was 12th.

SUNSHINERAINFALL

	<u>No. of hours</u>	<u>Daily Average</u>	<u>No. of days on which sun was recorded</u>	<u>No. of inches</u>	<u>No. of days on which rain was recorded</u>
1925	1915.2	5.25	326	33.30	159
1926	1681.8	4.61	296	28.70	175
1927	1691.4	4.63	312	33.90	190
1928	1945.5	5.32	311	31.50	179
1929	2068.1	5.67	316	30.04	152
1930	1808.1	4.95	319	31.43	183
1931	1633.4	4.48	300	24.42	216
1932	1558.5	4.29	315	27.09	194
1933	2062.8	5.65	318	23.08	155
1934	1758.5	4.82	297	28.09	166
1935	1771.8	4.85	311	36.01	182
1936	1679.9	4.59	304	28.63	182
1937	1691.6	4.63	304	33.51	176
1938	1809.7	4.96	311	24.51	183
1939	1828.9	5.01	203	34.89	211
1940	1876.8	5.12	309	29.46	164
1941	1641.3	4.49	296	25.06	160
1942	1647.9	4.51	294	27.03	137
1943	1818.0	4.97	294	25.21	175
1944	1665.1	4.54	296	23.54	169
1945	1672.2	4.58	301	28.72	173
1946	1692.8	4.63	297	32.11	211
1947	1812.9	4.96	287	26.74	175
1948	1873.5	5.09	299	26.22	137
1949	2041.3	5.59	319	23.83	91
1950	1738.4	4.76	303	27.79	166
1951	1819.2	4.98	294	38.22	190
1952	1864.8	5.09	314	29.02	166
1953	1813.1	4.96	300	22.55	135
1954	1583.0	4.33	292	32.05	177
1955	1903.2	5.22	305	24.39	146
1956	1726.3	4.72	304	24.92	147
1957	1866.9	5.11	306	26.49	150
1958	1626.3	4.46	299	33.31	162
1959	2146.1	5.88	312	25.08	134
1960	1658.3	4.54	292	45.00	185
1961	1911.1	5.2	310	31.86	137
1962	1805.2	4.9	307	25.61	143
1963	1708.3	4.6	277	29.07	158
1964	1743.1	4.8	247	25.59	135
1965	1725.9	4.7	311	30.68	156
1966	1687.1	4.6	296	32.87	171
1967	1882.5	5.2	310	30.14	158
1968	1656.0	4.5	282	28.11	149
1969	1780.9	4.8	284	26.50	154
1970	1805.1	4.9	305	28.31	176
1971	1868.2	5.1	299	25.15	130
1972	1684.0	4.6	296	23.58	160

TEMPERATURE STATISTICS

Month	Highest Max. Temperature	Lowest Min. Temperature
January	10	-8
February	11	0
March	19	0
April	15	2
May	21	4
June	19	5
July	27	8
August	25	8
September	23	5
October	18	3
November	14	-1
December	12	0

